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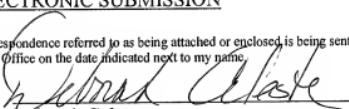
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action, mailed January 23, 2008, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows and consider the remarks provided herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

A one-month extension is requested for this response.